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SUBJECT: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY - AGENDA FOR MARCH
18-19 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG

1. MFA SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE WURTH GAVE DCM AGENDA FOR
MARCH 18-19 POLITICAL DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG.
IT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ITEMS : (A) AFRICA - THE POLITICAL
DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY
THE EC NINE EXPERTS GROUP ON AFRICA NOW MEETING HERE (MARCH
8 AND 9). ALTHOUGH THEY DO NOT EXPECT FIRM OR FAR REACHING
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXPERTS GROUP, THEY WILL NONETHELESS
CONSIDER HOW TO COORDINATE THE NINE'S POLICY ON THE WHOLE
COMPLEX OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ISSUES INCLUDING ANGOLA, RHODESIA,
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MOZAMBIQUE, SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NAMBIA. (B) EUROARAB

DIALOGUE - THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL HAVE A REPORT FROM LUXEMBOURG'S AMBASSADOR TO ROME, JEAN WAGNER, ON HIS RECENT DISCUSSION IN CAIRO (LUXEMBOURG 0186). WAGNER WILL CHAIR AN EC NINE EUROARAB DIALOGUE WORKING GROUP MEETING ON MARCH 16 WHICH WILL ALSO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS. (C) CYPRUS - EC EXPERTS GROUP ON MEDITERRANEAN QUESTIONS, I. E. CYPRUS, WILL MEET ON MARCH 15 AND POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER ITS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS. (D) UN - POLITICAL DIRECTORS WILL AGAIN DISCUSS HOW THE NINE CAN BETTER COORDINATE ON UN ISSUES. (E) CSCE - THE DIRECTORS WILL HAVE AN INTERIM REPORT FROM CSCE WORKING GROUP FOR CONSIDERATION.

2. IN MENTIONING CSCE, WURTH REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION TO DROP THE TERM DETENTE. HE SAID THAT AFTER THE OTTAWA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AND DECISIONS TAKEN IN NATO THAT THE ALLIANCE FULLY SUBSCRIBES TO DETENTE, THE EC MEMBER STATES ARE SURPRISED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS DROPPED THE TERM WITHOUT ANY PRIOR CONSULTATION. SHOULD THE USG WISH TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT TO THE NINE, WURTH SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO CONVEY THEM. FARKAS

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